

super-rich oligarchs, the security apparatus, and pensioners. If he succeeds, Mr. Putin's legacy will be a genuinely modern Russia.

**A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR
W.J. HALL**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Dr. W.J. Hall in recognition of his forty-two years of outstanding service as Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Dr. Hall was born August 1, 1928 in Oxford, North Carolina, the only son of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant A. Hall. After attending High School in Oxford, Dr. Hall studied at Temple University from 1947 to 1949. Following his academic work at Temple, he returned to North Carolina where he enlisted in the United States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant. Dr. Hall resumed his academic studies at Shaw University, graduating with an A.B. degree in 1957. For the next two years, he earned 18 hours toward a master's degree while serving as the pastor of the Olive Grove Baptist church in Oxford and the Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina.

In 1961, Dr. Hall was called to the Bethel Baptist Church. Since then, he has completed a Master of Theology degree from the Virginia Seminary and College. Later, the College conferred upon Rev. Hall three honorary degrees including Doctor of Divinity in 1965, Doctor of Humane Letters in 1977, and a Doctor of Laws in 1982.

Dr. Hall is widely recognized for his active civic involvement and several community accomplishments such as the Founder of the Self Help Council, the Omega Neighborhood Improvement Association of South Brooklyn, and chairman of the Bethel Baptist Day Care. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Educational Centers of Brooklyn and Long Island; the Board of Directors of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation as well as the Chaplain of the New York City Housing Police and Past Protestant Chaplain of the Holy Family Hospital.

Under the leadership of Dr. Hall, the Bethel Baptist Church has greatly increased its membership and is in the process of erecting a new three-story building adjacent to the church.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Dr. W.J. Hall has served his parishioners in exemplary fashion and has worked to improve the lives of everyone in his community for forty-two years. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
DESIGNATING THE SENATOR
JAMES B. PEARSON POST OFFICE**

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, joined by the three other members of the Kansas House

delegation—Representatives JIM RYUN, TODD TIAHRT and JERRY MORAN—I am introducing today legislation that will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office Building."

Appointed to the U.S. Senate in 1962, upon the death of Andrew Schoeppel, James B. Pearson served our state with distinction from 1962 through 1978. Elected in 1962, and re-elected in 1966 and 1972, Senator Pearson was a workhorse, not a showhorse. A senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, he also rose to become Ranking Republican member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. Senator Pearson represented our state during an important and turbulent era, addressing issues that included: the Vietnam War; the civil rights revolution; enactment of the Medicare and Medicaid programs; America's space exploration program; and deregulation of the trucking and airline industries. Senator Pearson was a voice of reason and common sense during these difficult times and I am proud that he was originally from Prairie Village, which is located in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. Naming the Prairie Village Post Office after Senator James B. Pearson recognizes, in a small way, the important service he provided to Kansans for 16 years in the U.S. Senate.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank my Kansas House colleagues: JIM RYUN [in whose district Senator Pearson now resides], TODD TIAHRT and JERRY MORAN, for joining with me to make this resolution honoring a former Republican Senator truly bipartisan. Additionally, I commend Senators SAM BROWNBACK and PAT ROBERTS, who are planning to introduce a companion Senate measure next week when the other body is back in session. Mr. Speaker, I hope we can bring this long-overdue measure to the floor prior to the adjournment of this session of the 108th Congress.

**HONORING ROSA WALKER
DISTINGUISHED LABOR LEADER**

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ms. Rosa Walker for her 38 years of dedicated service to the working men and women of Texas.

Ms. Walker's dedication to public service is deeply ingrained in her character. A native Texan of Hemphill, her interest in the labor movement grew while employed with Southwestern Bell. As a member of the executive board for the Communications Workers of America (CWA), Ms. Walker was persistent in her commitment to protect and empower the working people of Texas.

She continued on this path as an organizer for the Industrial Union Department of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and an employee of the Harris County AFL-CIO.

Ms. Walker is steadfast in her commitment to the principles of Democracy and citizenship, organizing numerous voter registration drives and get out the vote programs. She is also the

former Vice President of the Texas Coalition of Labor Women, founder of the Texas Consumer Association and a former member of the Texas Judicial Conduct Committee.

Ms. Walker's life exemplifies commitment to public service. Her many and significant contributions to the labor movement have helped color the landscape of the American political system by raising awareness of the issues affecting the working people of America.

**IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
SACRAMENTO'S CH2M HILL**

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CH2M Hill's 30th Anniversary in Sacramento and to acknowledge its 30 years of service to the greater Northern California region.

In 1973 the firm of CH2M Hill established an office in Sacramento with an initial staff of 4 individuals and brought with it a vision for development, a commitment to prosperity, and a dedication to community service. Today, 30 years later, CH2M Hill employs more than 240 local engineers, scientists, planners, and administrative personnel and has succeeded in realizing its goals by bringing growth and progress to the citizens of Sacramento.

CH2M Hill's efforts and work can be seen virtually everywhere in Sacramento. Just a few of its accomplishments include completing tunnel access to the California State University at Sacramento in time for the 2000 Olympic Trials; being the first environmental consultant helping to create the DNA light rail connection; removing over a million pounds of contaminants from the soil and groundwater beneath McClellan Air Force Base; managing the CalFED program to sort out water storage, transfer, and distribution in the Central Valley; and delivering over 2,000 other local and regional projects in the last 30 years which include providing landmark engineering and scientific services throughout northern California, most notably for the restoration of the Owens Valley and the seismic stabilization of the Bay Area's major bridges.

Proving consistently to be an industry leader in sustainable business innovation, CH2M Hill is credited with piloting the first office-recycling program in the City of Sacramento, as well as becoming the USEPA Best Workplace for Commuters company and aggressively promoting alternatives to single-driver commuting. It prides itself most however, with its constant commitment to community service.

The Sacramento Blood Bank benefited last year from the quarterly blood drive hosted by CH2M Hill and named them the Blood Drive of the Year. The Sacramento Food Bank for the past 4 years has had to send two trucks over to gather all the food contributed for the Holiday Food Drive by this organization. And a few years ago CH2M Hill answered the call from the University of California at Davis to become the corporate underwriter for their new Engineering building by raising over \$16,000 from staff alone in order to complete a \$50,000 pledge it made to the University. Individuals in CH2M Hill's office are constantly engaged in supporting 14 other community service and charity programs.

On behalf of myself and the citizens of Sacramento, I congratulate and thank CH2M Hill on 30 years of continued success and service.

CHINA'S TORTURE OF THE FALUN GONG

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, you may recall, I have been endeavoring to bring to our colleagues' attention the egregious abuses of human rights by the Chinese government toward its own citizens. Today I will provide information regarding the perpetual and unjustifiable harassment, torture and death of Falun Gong practitioners at the hands of the Chinese government. Many of the victims are old men simply trying to pursue their religious beliefs peaceably. They hope only for what we in America take for granted—the right to follow one's conscience. Instead they are brutalized by the state. I offer these accounts and hope that our colleagues will come to the same conclusion that I did—that we must act to help the persecuted people of China.

"IN THEIR OWN WORDS" STATEMENTS ON THE TORTURE OF THE FALUN GONG

Imagine the leader of the world's apparently most-promising emerging market suddenly banning the faith of one out of every twelve of his/her own citizens, subjecting them to arbitrary detention, forced-labor, brainwashing sessions, physical torture and death, and using a shocking amount of foreign investment capital to do it. Imagine no more. This is the reality.

According to the testimonies of thousands of victims, the Chinese government implemented the persecution through a three-prong directive to all levels of government:

Destroy Falun Gong practitioners physically through systematic, state-sanctioned forced-labor, torture and killings.

Destroy Falun Gong practitioners' reputations through a worldwide media campaign to demonize Falun Gong and falsely depict its practitioners as dangerous "cult" members and a menace to society.

Destroy Falun Gong practitioners financially, which, in a Communist nation where the government can exercise significant control over employment and housing, allowed the government to deny Falun Gong practitioners basic necessities for living, such as salaries/pensions, employment, education, housing, etc. in addition to suffering widespread extortion, confiscation of property and state-enforced fines when detained by police.

Almost 800 deaths from torture have been verified. Thousands more people have been forcefully incarcerated in mental hospitals where many are tortured. More than 100,000 have been sent to forced labor camps, typically without trial.

In January 2003, after more than 3 years of torture and abuse, 65 year-old Mr. Quanfu Zhang was beaten to death in a Chinese forced-labor camp. His 38-year-old son, Qifa Zhang, died 16 days later from sustained torture in the same labor camp.

In January of 2003, a U.S. citizen was detained and later imprisoned where he has been beaten and repeatedly subjected to brainwashing sessions in an attempt to force him to renounce his beliefs. His fiancé leads a grassroots call for his release in the U.S.

Sixty-seven year-old Li Jianhou from Nanchong City, Sichuan Province was tor-

tured to death in Deyang Prison, Sichuan Province on March 27, 2003. His wife is being held at a local detention center.

On July 18, 2003, After three years of torture and abuse, a university teacher from Jilin Province with a master's degree in philosophy was detained on several occasions for his practice of Falun Gong. He died in a Chinese Labor Camp.

In August 2003, Ms. Zhengshu Cui, an ethnic Korean and a graduate of the Baicheng Finance and Trade Training School who lived in northeastern China, died on August 12, 2003, from extended torture and abuse sustained while imprisoned for her beliefs in a forced-labor camp.

In August 2003, after being abducted multiple times and tortured by local police for his practice of Falun Gong, a 56-year-old farmer from Heilongjiang Province was subjected to forced-feeding with boiling water. Emaciated and unable to stand on his own, he died in a Chinese prison.

DEATH OF DONALD HOLLAND

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina has lost one of its best public servants recently when State Senator Donald Holland of Camden, South Carolina, died at the age of 75. He was my colleague during my seventeen years of service in the South Carolina State Senate. He will always be remembered as a gentleman who conducted his chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee with civility. He was respectful of the minority and promoted open debate. His legacy will be the fair election laws appreciated by South Carolinians due to his chairmanship of the Election Laws Study Committee, where he was always respectful and understanding of my minority role. The Wilson family extends its deepest sympathy to the Holland family.

The following is his obituary printed in the State newspaper.

SEN. DONALD HOLLAND

CAMDEN.—The Honorable Donald Harry Holland, husband of Betty Bell Holland and father of Elizabeth Alberta (Lisa) Holland, died October 5, 2003, at his home. Funeral services will be held at Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, with the Reverend T. Lee Bryant Jr. and Chaplain George G. Meetze officiating, followed by committal in Beulah United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Holland, son of the late Eugene and Alberta Branham Holland, was born on a farm in the rural Kershaw County community of Cassatt on August 19, 1928. A graduate of Midway High School (1945), Holland entered the United States Army and was posted to the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. At the age of 18, Holland served with U.S. Forces occupying Japan at the conclusion of World War II. As part of his duties with the Judge Advocates Office, Holland developed a proficiency for speaking Japanese and served as a translator.

Upon his honorable discharge from the military in 1948, Holland reentered the University of South Carolina and, under a combined program of undergraduate and law school studies then available, earned a law degree in 1951.

While concluding his studies at the University, Holland sought election to the South Carolina House of Representatives for

Kershaw County. His election in 1950, at age 21, began over one-half century of continuous public service under 11 governors. Holland's six terms in the House of Representatives were followed by five years of service on the State Highway Commission and 35 years of service in the South Carolina Senate.

At the time of his death, Holland was the longest-serving lawmaker in South Carolina. In South Carolina's post-colonial history, only three persons have provided more years of combined House and Senate service than Holland. In 1999, Holland was honored by the National Conference of State Legislators for having a tenure of service placing him among the ten most senior legislators in the country.

His long tenure was one of remarkable accomplishment. In addition to chairing the Senate's standing committees on Judiciary, General Laws, Corrections and Penology and Fish, Game and Forestry, Holland was the catalyzing force and chairman behind many of the body's most influential study committees and special committees. In the 1970s and 1980s, Holland led the state's efforts to reform and modernize its election laws and laws governing criminal prosecution and conviction. A champion of an effective and fair criminal justice system, Holland served as chairman of nearly all legislative conference committees, which produced significant legislation within the past 20 years in the areas of support of victims of violent crime, substantive criminal reform and drug interdiction.

As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1995 until 2001, Holland devoted much of his energy and attention to children's issues and domestic violence. In recognition of his efforts, the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network named Holland "The Outstanding Legislator of the Year for 1999-2000."

In 1988, Holland, serving as chairman of the General Assembly's Screening Committee for Candidates for the Public Service Commission, began a 15-year effort to reform the qualifications of public service commissioners. Within the most recent legislative session and working in the bipartisan manner with which he was most comfortable, Holland's crusade for change in the Public Service Commission brought to the forefront legislation accomplishing significant reform. Holland also provided stable leadership to the Senate as chairman of its Redistricting Committee during the late 1980s and 1990s.

Of his accomplishments, Holland was most proud of his ability to serve his neighbors. His able service to the far-flung reaches of his geographically-large Senate district resulted in progress coming to areas where it was not a common visitor. Often recollecting the dire needs of South Carolinians during his boyhood, Holland stubbornly held to making sure that rural South Carolinians were not forgotten. His well-known devotion to these interests resulted in his having a statewide constituency. Holland was a member of Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church, the VFW, American Legion and Woodmen of the World. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner. Consistent with his abiding love of history, Holland was a member of the Kershaw County Historical Society and the South Carolinian Society, the repository for his personal and political papers.

Holland was predeceased by his stepmother, Ruby Gordon Holland. Besides his widow and daughter, he is survived by brothers of Camden, Dr. Alton Holland and Carl Holland; four sisters, Margaret Holland Ford of Camden, Maxine Holland Humphrey of Camden, Zulene Holland Dougherty of Camden, Sandra Holland Hatcher of Florence; a number of nieces and nephews; his beloved dog, Maggie, and cat, Bully.